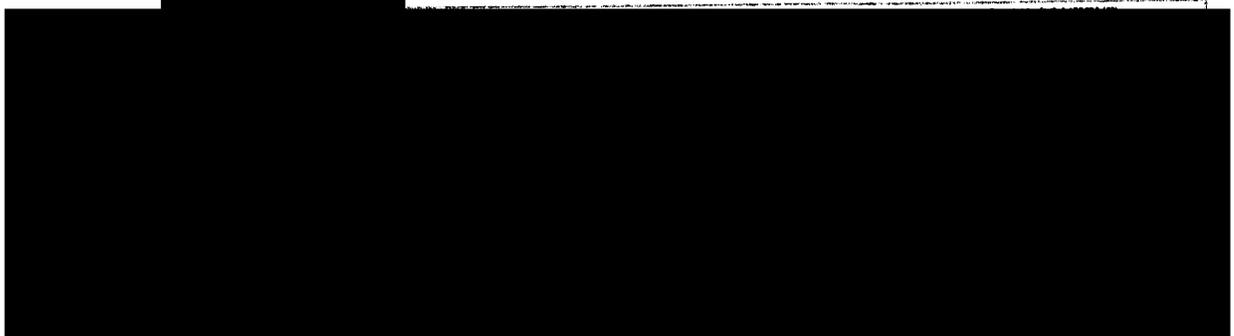


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- In mid-January, North Korean authorities organized a People's Committee in Chunchon (127-44, 37-52). The committee was composed principally of persons who had retreated with the North Korean forces in October 1950, the remainder being chosen from a group of ten to thirty Communist sympathizers in each town who had not joined the retreat but who had shown zeal in exposing anti-Communist citizens when the North Korean and Chinese forces moved back south. Similar committees were formed in adjacent villages.
- The attitude of all these committees is malicious and ruthless. All persons who did not join the North Korean retreat and all local residents are carefully checked by representatives of the committee, working with the State Security Bureau. Anyone suspected of sympathizing with the UN is taken to the mountains and shot. Families connected with Republic of Korea officials or soldiers are rounded up and taken to unknown destinations in the north and their property is confiscated. In Chunchon, Sunjon-ni (127-46, 38-00), and Neopyong-ni (127-54, 37-56), single women between 17 and 35 years old, particularly those related to ROK sympathizers, are conscripted under a joint State Security Bureau and police program and taken north under armed guard of North Korean troops to be sent to China. Only women from families of North Korean followers are exempt.
- Security checks were followed by the arrest of all refugees claiming to be from distant areas. Only refugees giving their home addresses in nearby villages are permitted to move through the area without being arrested and sent north.
- Labor Party and Communist Youth Alliance members have been mobilized to confiscate all grain and rice in the villages. The collecting groups enter houses by night as well as by day. Each household is left only enough for one month's subsistence, with the result that a large percentage of the local small farmers are destitute and their families are starving. Even the smallest villages are forced to contribute. One hamlet in the Paoyong-ni area was required to supply ten head of cattle and horses.

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5. On orders from the North Korean authorities, factory equipment and machinery in the towns has been dismantled with the help of the People's Committees and Youth Alliance members. The materials after dismantling are boxed and transported to designated places by villages conscripted for the purpose, apparently for shipment on north. While waiting transport, the boxes, as well as local supplies of food and ammunition, are stored in village houses.
6. The chairman of the General Affairs Section of the North Korean Labor Party in Chunchon is CHAE Won-kiil, age 27.

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